

Monarch Theatre

COMING ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
DOROTHY DALTON, IN
"LOVE LETTERS"

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
PEARL WHITE, IN
"Lightning Raider", Eleventh Episode
PATHE NEWS NO. 48
"Two Scrambled".....Luke Comedy

MONDAY, JUNE 30
MAE MARSH, IN
"GLORIOUS ADVENTURE"

TUESDAY, JULY 1
MARY PICKFORD, IN
"M'LISS"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
GEORGE WALSH, IN
"JACK SPURLOCK-PRODIGAL"
Also a Sunshine Comedy
"SON OF A GUN"

THURSDAY, JULY 3
WM. RUSSELL, IN
"SEA MASTER"
Also the Comedy
"SOME MOTHER"

First Show Begins at 8:15 P. M.

Admission: Children over 6 under 12, 10c; adults 15c.

County Clerk Crowder Receives Re- turns From State Tax Commission

County Clerk Marvin W. Crowder has this week received returns from the State Tax Commission on the taxes fixed for St. Francois county by the State Tax Commission for the present year. The State Commission approved the assessment fixed by the County Assessor, and passed by the County Board of Equalization, without any change on the real estate.

On the personal property, however, the State Tax Commission has made very material reductions, of from 25 to 40 per cent reduction. The following figures are taken from the report of the State Tax Commission:

Real Estate
Land (no change).....\$16,784,965
Town lots (no change).... 1,402,803

Personal Property
Horses (reduced 25 per cent).....\$ 150,098
Mules (reduced 40 per cent)..... 104,421
Asses and Jennets (no reduction)..... 1,305
Cattle (reduced 40 per

cent)..... 271,275
Sheep (reduced 40 per cent)..... 7,612
Hogs (reduced 33 1-3 per cent)..... 58,030
All other live stock (no reduction)..... 945
Money, notes, bonds, mortgages, and other evidences of debt..... 832,620
Corporate companies, bank stock..... 214,360
All other property (reduced 40 per cent)..... 1,284,300

Total value real and personal property.....\$21,112,736

Amount of Live Stock in County

The report also gives the following number of head of live stock in St. Francois county:

Horses..... 3,282
Mules..... 1,876
Asses and Jennets..... 21
Cattle..... 12,062
Sheep..... 1,396
Hogs..... 7,909
All other live stock..... 196

Ideal Resort and Picnic Grounds

When John T. Burks was in Farmington last week he gave a Times reporter a brief outline of the work he expects soon to have done at Iron Mountain lake, just as soon as he can find time to give it the necessary attention. He recently leased for a period of years the entire Iron Mountain tract of land, which includes the great lake, which has long been a popular resort for picnicking, fishing and pleasure seeking. During the past year or two that property has been somewhat neglected, and especially has the lake been permitted to deteriorate from lack of necessary attention.

Mr. Burks intends to shut off the lake from the public domain with a fence, and to charge 25 cents for each automobile that enters, and he expects to have guards to prevent cars from being molested when the owner may not be present. This alone will be a great accommodation to picnickers and pleasure seekers. But he does not intend to stop there. It is his present intention to make that beautiful place a real resort, by adding many conveniences for the benefit of all who may seek a day, a week or a month's outing there.

He proposes to put in a number of boats for rent to all who may desire them. Already he has reclaimed and newly equipped the large electric launch for the benefit of pleasure seekers. He will also probably keep live minnows constantly on hand there for the benefit of those who may desire to fish, and it is altogether probable that he will install a natatorium. He also expects to have a store, or stands on the grounds, where everything necessary in the way of refreshments, from ice cream cones to a loaf of bread, can be secured. Ice is another essential he will try always to have on hand for the benefit of all who may desire to keep thoroughly cool.

When that splendid resort is again put in "ship shape", then will its present popularity be greatly enhanced. Where hundreds of auto loads of people now Sunday there, thousands of auto loads will then be found there on Sunday, and many will seek that enchanting spot every day in the week. Mr. Burks never does things by halves, and when he starts to put Iron Mountain Lake in shape to receive visitors it can be depended upon that the work will be thoroughly done.

PREPARING FOR HOME MARCH

Headquarters Detachment, 318th Engineers, Camp Stuart, Newport News, Va., June 13, 1919.

Dear Dad:—I received your telegram a few hours after arriving here and was glad to find out your exact location. I didn't know whether you had moved to Tuskegee or not.

I shot my detachment through the final inspection this afternoon, and they were paid this afternoon, so are ready to be sent to the various discharge camps.

I will go from here to Camp Gordon and expect to get away about Monday. I may have a detachment of men to take there and then again I may not. It will all depend on the number of men going to Camp Gordon from this vicinity.

I will let you know from Camp Gordon as to when I will arrive in Tuskegee. You can have the fatted calf killed and I will be there to participate in the feast.

I went to town tonight and had dinner with Capt. McLean and his family. He is the supply officer of this regiment and a good friend of mine. I enjoyed it very much indeed. It sure seems good to be back in God's country once more.

Must close now and say goodnight. Your loving son,
LOVELL.

Mrs. Wm. Weichman visited her brother in Desloge Wednesday.

Union services will be held each Sunday night at 8 o'clock, beginning the first Sunday night in July, the 6th. The first service will be held at the First Baptist Church and the sermon will be by Rev. E. H. O'rear, pastor of the Methodist Church, South. Rev. R. S. Boyd will have charge of the music.

How is This for Newspaper Work

Two or three months ago The Times printed a story to show the unusual intelligence that had been manifested by Nip Harper's dog. That story at once "broke into the big league" by being reproduced in the "Here and There in Old Missouri" column of the St. Louis Republic, which demonstrated the fact that that department knows a good thing when it sees it. Of course The Times management was pleased that it had been instrumental in starting Nip Harper's dog on the road to fame. But enough's enough.

Our surprise was great, therefore, on seeing in last Sunday's Republic, under a Farmington date line of June 21, with all earmarks of a "special", that same story "rehashed," stripped of much of its interest by reason of having been garbled in puny attempts to change its reading somewhat. What The Times objects to principally, is such "persistence" in publishing as a "special" a story that appeared in this paper two or three months ago. If the Republic desires to publish such antiquities as news, then, for heaven's sake leave off all dates, and its age may never be discovered by anyone. But it should, really and truly, give credit for such items, if it expects to hold the self-respect of the general public.

Arrested for Carrying Gun

John Pair, whose home is in St. Louis, is now firmly convinced that it is not the best policy to steal a gun, and neither is it good policy to carry said gun after it has been stolen. Recently Pair burglarized a house at Sprout and carried off a revolver as booty. He put the gun in one of his hip pockets and proceeded to go to Flat River. The wind blew open his coat while he was standing on the street and the Constable, who was standing nearby, saw the gun and promptly arrested Pair for carrying concealed weapons.

Pair was brought up for trial before Judge Martin at Flat River Wednesday and upon pleading guilty was bound over to Circuit Court.

The Times Force Will "Celebrate"

In view of the fact that this good year of 1919 is proving to be so heavily laden with good to the human race, and the further fact that everybody else will be doing it, The Times force will observe the Fourth by taking the day off, to do as they please, so that this office will be closed all day, just like the banks and other business houses.

It is the special desire of The Times management that its correspondents make note of this fact, and we trust they will use every possible effort to get their correspondence in a little earlier, if possible. All correspondence should reach this office not later than Wednesday noon of next week.

Cleared of Charge of Illegal Sale

The trial of Charles Godat, of Bonne Terre, charged with illegal sale, took place before Judge Louis Marchand at Bonne Terre Wednesday. The witnesses for the State seemed to have a lapse of memory when placed on the witness stand, and although there was strong suspicion of guilt, the case, which was tried by jury, was decided in favor of the defendant.

Fron. Attorney Coffey has been very active in running down and prosecuting the violators of the local option law since his entry into office, and should be helped and encouraged by the law abiding citizens of the county. He is sure to receive the support of the real true-blue citizens.

Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham, W. L. Johns and Mrs. J. A. Kite attended a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention of the Franklin Baptist Association at Elvins Tuesday.

Fine Crop Conditions

An inspection of the crops in St. Francois and adjoining counties makes it hard to understand how conditions could be improved at this time for a bountiful harvest of practically everything that has been planted or sown in this locality. Such is the present condition, notwithstanding the frequent and numerous complaints that have heretofore been forthcoming from many of an unfavorable season. This also includes the fruit crop, except in a few small areas where much of it was killed by the late freeze. Fruit trees and bushes of all kinds have produced a most unusually heavy yield, or are hanging heavy with a maturing crop.

While practically the entire wheat crop has already been cut and shocked, threshing has not yet begun, so that the yield can only be approximated, but the grain is unusually heavy and the yield will certainly be an unusually high average. The oat crop is also abundant, and could hardly be improved upon, no matter how favorable the season, as indicated by the number of fields that have been inspected by the writer heretofore. The hay crop is also enormous, clover and grasses growing about as thickly and luxuriantly as it can stand, so thick and heavy, in fact, that it will exert the mowers to cut their way through it. Red clover that was planted with wheat had reached such a luxuriant growth as to make it impossible to cut the wheat without cutting well down on the clover.

In the opinion of the writer, after a somewhat thorough inspection of the crop conditions, corn is the only thing that could have suffered from the present "unfavorable" season, and that, if it has really suffered, has been from inability to get it planted, owing to excessive rains, or from inability to keep it clear of weeds. But there is every reason to hope that even the corn which has just been planted will make good feed, especially if used in silos, and the chances are largely in favor of its maturing before frost catches it. So that from all indications the good year of 1919 will stand out as a prolific crop year.

Bound Over to Circuit Court

Squire J. P. Zolman had a busy day Tuesday. Besides trying the case of John Page, of Elvins, charged with abandonment, mention of which will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Times, the cases of John Haynes, Nick Pritchett, Floyd Dees, Cecil Dees, Charles Watkins, Bill McDermitt and Roney Pritchett, of Doe Run, was disposed of. The above named defendants were charged with burglary and larceny, the complaining witness being W. H. Demler, of Doe Run. The defendants range in age from 15 to 25 years old.

After due consideration, Cecil Dees and Bill McDermitt were acquitted, while the others were bound over to Circuit Court. Besides the offense of burglary and larceny, John Haynes and Nick Pritchett face the charge of breaking jail. Haynes is out on \$800 bond.

Keep Off the Grass

Many citizens of Farmington have grown accustomed to "cut the corners" by passing through the lawn on the court house square, until a number of distinct and well defined paths have been worn through that splendid grassy plot, detracting greatly from its beauty. At the recent session of the County Court Sheriff Adams was ordered to advertise for bids to obliterate such paths by sodding them over and improving the driveway.

This work is now in progress and when finished will add much to the beauty of the square, which will bear signs "Keep Off the Grass". This will, for a time at least, be somewhat inconvenient to those who have grown accustomed to the habit of "cutting the corners", but this plan of repairing and beautifying public property will surely meet with even their hearty approval and support.

Everything Ready

We desire to call attention of Times readers this week to the large announcement on the last page of the big celebration that has been arranged for July 4th, at Columbia Park, Flat River, under the auspices of District Union No. 15. All the features have now been positively arranged for, so that there can be no mistake. The splendid program that has been advertised will be produced without fail.

Felix Dixon, one of the committee on arrangements, has just returned from Scott Field, where he secured positive assurance that a flyer would be sent from there for that occasion, and that he would make several flights. The name of the flyer is Capt. Earl S. Hoag. There will also be vaudeville performances, which will be given absolutely free, and many other splendid attractions have been arranged for.

Wm. O'Sullivan last week purchased the Waitman place, in the Tetley addition, in the northeast part of town, for which he paid \$2,528. The house is a modern six-room cottage, splendidly located. Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan expect soon to again make Farmington their home.

"Iron Rule" No Longer Popular

Recently petitions have been passed, and have been numerous signed throughout the Lead Belt, not only by miners and workmen, but by business men as well, asking for a weekly pay day for all workers. If a weekly pay day were established by the mining corporations in that district, so the petitioners allege, the high cost of living could be very materially reduced, as that would enable all workers to pay cash, instead of running store accounts. It is the credit system so generally in vogue throughout the Lead Belt that is responsible for at least some of the increased cost of living, so the petition alleged.

Most of the officials of the different lead companies appeared to look with kindly interest, if not with positive favor, on the petition when it was presented to them, and promised to give the matter earnest and interested attention. They see the condition of their workmen, and appear to be willing to do anything in their power to aid in bettering their condition, especially when the object desired by the workmen will cause them but little, if any, extra expense.

Everything appeared to be moving along nicely until those in charge of circulating the petitions attempted to reach C. J. Adami, who is the High Mogul in charge of the local situation at Bonne Terre for the St. Joseph Lead Co. There the humble petitioners had the "mailed fist" stuck into their faces. Mr. Adami not only positively refused to sign the petition, but even refused to talk it over with those in charge of the petition. He practically said that he had no interest in the workmen he must depend upon for working the extensive property of which he is in control—that he cared nothing for humanity.

Mr. Adami may have taken some lessons from Bill Sykes in "slave driving". But he is now about due to "wake up", and when he does arouse himself, he will be brought to a realization of the fact that "slave driving" has ceased to be popular in this country. In fact that same idea is now sweeping throughout the world. Under the new order of things, labor has become a very important factor in the affairs of men, and those who have not already been brought to a full realization of such fact are due for a rude awakening. Mr. Adami appears to have outlived his usefulness in active business affairs. He, and a few others like him, will have to be relegated to the dump heap. The new world progress cannot be retarded by men of his kind, whose idea of the proper control of men is with the bull whip.

Stand aside, Mr. Adami.

Have You Secured Your Auto License?

If you have not yet secured your 1919 automobile license, and take your car out without said license you are liable to bring trouble down upon yourself. Recently the county authorities received notice from John L. Sullivan, Secretary of State, ordering all automobile owners who were without a license to be taken into custody and dealt with according to the provisions of the statutes of Missouri.

There are said to be many automobiles being used in St. Francois county without a license for 1919. A hint to the wise is usually sufficient—secure your license, or suffer the consequences.

Two Important Officers Resign

Mr. Jordan, who somewhat recently succeeded C. R. Woodward as Cashier, and Mr. Baylor, Storekeeper, both of the Federal Lead Co., have sent in their resignations, to become effective at once. Both these gentlemen have long been in the employ of the Federal Lead Co., and were recognized as high-class and capable employees.

The Times is further informed that both these gentlemen will go to Oklahoma to devote their entire time to personal enterprises. The many good friends they will leave in this county will wish them abundant success in their new field of operation.

CUPID GOT IN BAD AT DEXTER

It is well known that the "love germ" may be planted in many kinds of soil and per force of time may bring forth fruit "unto repentance" even from the tiniest beginning; and thus it was a couple wedded in Stoddard county last week. As related in the newspapers of that county, a widow employed at one of the spoke mills at Dexter yielded one day to Cupid's solicitous prank and inscribed her name and address on one of the spokes then being shipped out. This particular spoke fell into the hands of a workman at a wagon factory in Fort Smith, Ark. The man wrote the widow and the widow wrote the workman. Last week the Fort Smith man appeared in Dexter to claim the widow; they were married. About forty-eight hours later wife No. 1 arrived from Fort Smith and claimed her husband. But in Missouri even sentimental widows have legal and moral rights which must be respected, and at last accounts the wagon maker was in the Stoddard county jail awaiting trial on a bigamy charge—while the late bride realizes to her great embarrassment that she "spoke" once too often.—Statesman.

Abandonment; Bound Over

John Page, of Elvins, was up before Squire J. P. Zolman Tuesday, on the charge of abandonment of his children. The mother of the children, who are 2, 5 and 7 years old, is dead and when Page decided to go to Blodgett, Mississippi county, recently, he locked the children in the squalid, dirty shed they called a home and went on his way merrily. The children were found by the Elvins authorities and brought over to the court house. Page was brought back and at his trial Tuesday he was bound over to await the action of the Circuit Court.

He is now enjoying being locked in himself—behind the bars of the county jail.

Local Stores to Close July 4th

The following stores will be closed all day on July 4th:
Klein Grocer Co.
Henderson Store Co.
J. M. Karsch Shoe Co.
Rickus Cash Grocery.
Economy Shoe Store.
A. C. Boyd.
Mell's Hardware Store.
Jacob Helber.
Farmington Merc. Co.
Morris Brothers.
Tetley Jewelry Co.
Fischer Mercantile Co.

The Danger Point for Batteries

One thing that a good many automobile owners can't understand about batteries is the way they hang on and keep giving service up to the minute when they refuse to work at all.

"These folks reason," says Bert Wines, local Willard Service Station Dealer, "that the light ought to get a little weaker and start a little slower until the battery gradually wears out."

"Sometimes a battery acts that way, but another one may keep right on working until it is actually ready to fall to pieces. When the cells are opened up for inspection, the active material is in some cases so broken up that it will not hold together. This may be due either to old age or abuse. Of course, we never open up a battery without the owner's consent, but a battery in this condition could not last a great while and might go out of service at any time on the road."

Most car owners are anxious to know the truth about their batteries and prefer to have a brand new battery when they know their old one is approaching the deadline."

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